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Mrs. Geo. W. Horney is Dead

Death has laid a cold relentless hand on one very near and dear to the publishers of the Index this week. Ora Kathryn Horney, wife of George W. Horney, proprietor of the Grand Hotel, and daughter of D. F. Painter and wife, and sister of Editor Chas. C. Painter and Mrs. U. C. Herr, passed away at the St. Francis hospital, Wichita, Kansas, at 1 o'clock, A. M., Monday, August 9, 1909. At her bedside at the time of her death were her husband, her mother, a sister, Mrs. Cora Adams of Coats, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Painter.

The body, accompanied by the relatives, was brought home Monday afternoon and the funeral was held in the Baptist church of this city at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. W. Imboden. The Pythian Sisters of which the deceased was a member, and the Knights of Pythias attended in a body.

Mrs. Horney was taken sick July 26th but the case did not become alarming until a week later, when a series of complications arose that baffled her physicians here and at Wichita. She was taken to the hospital, arriving there early Tuesday morning but on the first consultation five of the best physicians of Wichita pronounced the case hopeless. Septic poisoning was the cause of death but its source is not known. There were positive indications, however, that the kidneys, liver and bowels were badly affected. Her suffering during the week at the hospital was intense though the last day of her life was apparently without pain. Only once during the week was there a ray of hope. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning she seemed to be better and talked encouragingly but it proved a false hope and soon came the news of her sinking. Her life was really prolonged by strong heart stimulants for several days. Her parents, her brothers and sisters and several friends all visited her and ministered as much as they could to relieve her but could do nothing to prevent the inevitable.

Ora Kathryn Painter was born near Petersburg, Indiana, September 28, 1873; died in Wichita, Kansas, August 9, 1909, aged 35 years, 10 months and 11 days. She came to Barber county, Kansas with her parents in 1886 and has lived here continuously since that time. She was united in marriage with Geo. W. Horney in this city November 3, 1898. Two children were born to the union, William J., commonly known as George, Jr., aged 10 years, and Thelma Lillian, aged 6 years, who with her husband, her father and mother two brothers and two sisters survive her.

We can not yet realize that she is gone; the grief is so acute and the outpourings of the heart so copious that we can only stand at the tomb in mute sorrow and wonder who shall be the next to be taken from this family that has lived so closely together for these many years, unbroken. If all people could have known this little woman as the writer has known her; if all had shared her kindnesses in times of sore need as we have, we are sure that they would know that we are sincere and earnest when we say that the taking away deprives Mr. Horney and his precious little children of as noble, affectionate and dutiful a wife and mother as ever lived, and her brothers and sisters of one who has many times demonstrated a tender, sisterly devotion that makes the final farewell almost unendurable. But agony of mind is something which knocks at every heart many times in life. To die is a mandate that all must obey and however hard it is, the ordeal must be borne. Mr. Horney and the other relatives are gratified to know that they have the sympathy of their friends in this trying time and they especially feel grateful for the assistance that has been rendered them.

The new single desks ordered for the laboratory in the High School were received last week from Chicago and are being set up and put in place by Mr. Milburn, the custodian of the building. The new bookcase and laboratory table are also being installed.

An Early Day Reminiscence

"We notice in the Kansas City Star of Sunday that the annual convention of the Christian churches of Jackson county, is on at Blue Springs. Two former Medicine Lodge ministers are prominent in the convention, Lee H. Barnum and W. H. Embury. The latter will be remembered as the early day minister whose burro was executed by hanging on Elm Creek bridge. Col. Bill Horn was said to have been the executioner."

The above, which we clip from the Barber County Index, interests us only in its reference to the execution of the burro. The tragedy occurred in the summer of 1888, during the session of the Barber county teachers' institute, when Harry Landis, ex-warden of the Kansas penitentiary, was county superintendent.

The editor of the Record attended the institute and boarded at Mrs. McKinney's in Medicine Lodge, with Luther Martin and two other teachers. The parson's burro was picketed on some vacant lots in front of our boarding place. The burro was of the masculine persuasion and braying bounteously throughout the stilly night. At the end of the first week we moved our boarding place to the opposite side of the city, as we were not fond of music anyhow. About the middle of the next week, something happened. The burro was found one morning hanging from the Elm Creek bridge, a few rods away, by his own picket rope.

The boys of the institute unanimously agreed that it was a case of justifiable homicide, and the lynchers were never apprehended.

We always accused Luther Martin, who was afterwards county attorney of Woods county, of having inside information concerning the affair, but he always declared that he could prove an alibi, which we never required him to do. At this time Jerry Simpson was living quietly on his farm near Medicine Lodge, unknown to fame, and Chester I. Long and Tom McNeal were struggling young lawyers, scarcely known outside of the limits of the classic old town.

We believe that Reverend Embury was succeeded as pastor of the Christian church at Medicine Lodge by Elder David Nation, the husband of the now famous Carrie; at any rate we know that Mrs. Nation attended the entire session of the teachers' institute the following summer, and that Elder Nation was then pastor of the church.—Renfrew's Record, Alva, Ok.

Barber's Population Increases

Secretary Coburn's report on the population of Kansas for 1909 shows an increase in the state of 254,660. Sedgewick county has the largest per cent of increase, Comanche county, second, and Barber county third. Barber county's increase, in round numbers is 1297. This report shows that southwestern Kansas and western Kansas are the portions of the state which are receiving the main part of the increased population.

To Fight Guaranty Law

Hon. Chester I. Long of this city is one of three attorneys of national fame employed by the National Bankers of Kansas and Kansas City, Mo., and many of the State Banks of Kansas, to test the constitutionality of the law. Associated with Mr. Long are B. P. Waggener of Atchison and John I. Webster of Omaha, Neb.

Concerning the suit, a press dispatch to the Topeka Capital of August 7th, says: "The constitutionality of the Kansas guaranty law will be tested in the federal courts. B. P. Waggener, of this city, ex-Senator Chester I. Long of Medicine Lodge and John I. Webster, of Omaha, Neb., have been employed by Kansas State and National bankers to test the law. A meeting was held in B. P. Waggener's office today to discuss plans of procedure and by next week papers will be filed in the federal court. John L. Webster is the attorney, employed by bankers of Nebraska to test the constitutionality of the Nebraska guaranty deposit law."

Sheriff Mathews found it necessary to return home Monday to have a correction made in the Harding requisition papers before going to Illinois to get Mr. Harding whose arrest is mentioned this week. Sheriff Mathews left for Illinois yesterday.

No 1 Lost Out

The claims of Sarah McBride of St. Paul, Kansas, who was at one time the wife of the late John Fralich of this county, were tried out in probate court in this city last Wednesday. The claimant was allowed nothing by Judge Garrison, after listening attentively to the evidence in the case and carefully examining the law relating thereto.

Mrs. McBride testified that she had been married four times. All of her ex-husbands, excepting Mr. Fralich, are living. Mr. Fralich was her first husband. They were married in 1874 and she secured a divorce on the ground of desertion in 1876. Her second husband assisted her to secure a divorce from husband No. 1, but it did not appear in evidence that husband No. 3 assisted her in getting unhitched from husband No. 2.

The woman claimed \$8000 alimony against the Fralich estate and interest at six per cent since 1892. This claim is based on support for a son who died in 1892. She wants \$500 a year for support of the child from the time of the divorce until the date of death, and interest on the whole amount from the date of the son's death up to this time.

It did not appear that at the time of the divorce she asked for anything of this kind nor was she granted alimony. There are other matters connected with the divorce that were irregular and everything seemed to show bad faith on her part. Judge Garrison's decision, therefore, seems only simple justice to the present Mrs. Fralich who seems legally and morally entitled to come into possession of the proceeds of the estate.

Mrs. McBride, accompanied by Attorney E. L. Burton of Parsons, Kansas, arrived on Tuesday of last week and departed on Wednesday afternoon. W. H. McCague is her Barber county attorney and probably did more real work in the case than the Parsons lawyer. They announce that they will appeal the case to the district court and apparently are confident of succeeding, but on what they base this belief they decline to say.

Seward I. Field and A. L. Noble of this city are taking care of Mrs. Fralich's interests and do not appear to be at all concerned over the threatened appeal.

Accident at Anthony Fair

The 2:17 pacing race of Tuesday was marred by a bad accident occurring in the second heat. The horses had gone around once and were well on the second lap, and at the west part of the track when one of the horses, Rhodes, owned and driven by Vennum of Anthony, stumbled and fell to its knees. Other horses were just behind and went into the mix-up, three horses and sulkies going down in a heap. It was an awful moment and the crowd in the grandstand shuddered and was still. Some of the horses lay quiet for a little while and it was thought they might be dead and that the drivers were also dead. A crowd of tenders and spectators rushed to the spot and untied the terrible knot of human and horse flesh. Three of the horses, Foot Star, Harry Bowers and Melba, were drawn because of injuries received. All the drivers, save one escaped with slight bruises and scars. Dillenbeck, driver of Melba, was badly hurt and had to be taken to a hospital. While no bones seem to be broken he was injured about the face and breast and there may be some internal trouble. He is at the Cleveland-Mills sanitarium and receiving every attention. It seems a miracle that some of the drivers were not killed.—Anthony Bulletin.

Special Teachers' Examination

To be held in the Court House at Medicine Lodge, August 20-21 beginning at 7 a. m. There will be a Special Teachers' Examination held in the Court House at Medicine Lodge August 20-21. This Examination will be held in accordance with Chapt. 2 Sec. 64 School Laws of 1905, and will be conducted in all respects as other Teacher's Examinations.

Any one wishing to take for grades toward a professional may take this examination. J. E. Thomas, Co. Supt.

Kansas Richer This Year

There is \$47,652,762 worth of property in Kansas that is legally exempted from taxation. It has been estimated that there is close to 50 million dollars in property which is not listed for taxation at all or is under-valued so that the state loses the taxes on at least 100 million dollars in property on which no taxes are paid. The exemptions are those allowed the head of a family. This amounts to \$200 for each person who is the head of a family. There are about two hundred and forty thousand families in the state that obtain the exemptions. In addition to this sum there is a considerable exemption allowed to each family for libraries and scientific books.

There are 1,042,424 horses, 193,152 mules and 2,768,033 cattle of all ages in the state, or this was the number listed for taxation March 1. Butler County has the largest number of cattle and work horses, Jewell County has the largest number of horses except the work animals, Mitchell County has the largest number of sheep and Jewell the largest number of hogs. Reno County has the largest amount invested in farm implements, Shawnee the largest amount in farm wagons, Sedgewick—the largest amount in pleasure carriages, Shawnee the largest sum in motor cars and pianos. Wyandotte County has the most wheat on hand, due to the large elevators there.

March 1 the people of the state had 44 million dollars in cash, as compared with 37 million dollars a year ago. In mortgages they own 51 million dollars worth this year, as compared with 47 millions a year ago. Farm property bears 48.211 per cent of the tax burden of the state. This was decreased slightly from last year and the personal property burden was increased to 20.088 per cent. There was also a slight increase in the burden of taxes assessed against the public service corporations.

Leans Defeat Fats

The leans defeated the fats in the base ball game Tuesday of last week. Both sides got about all they wanted in four innings but a small cloud and a very light sprinkle gave them a good excuse to quit, therefore it is good form to say that the game was interrupted by a dashing rain.

To use an awkward and homely expression, "it was voted" that the leans defeated the fats in a score of 10 to 8 although the official score keeper is not est inventus. The fats, however, admit their defeat and there is no controversy. The "special features" of the game noted by an eye witness, are published in another column. The players were as follows:

Leans	Fats
Field	Fair
Skinner	Stevens
Thomas	Gano
Hackley	Coleman
Simpson	Gallagher
Ewalt	Richardson
Palmer	Stout
Kidd	Wadsworth
Finley John	Ireland
	Painter

Bygone Days

I should like to know how many of the old residents of the county remember the first session of court held here and also the county commissioners meeting preceding it, and the guards that were posted on the street at the time. One stood in front of the small building that stood where the brick are being unloaded for a new two-story building now. This guard had a peculiar looking rifle. He said it was a "Chase To" rifle.

During court the upper floor of the old log hotel was covered with beds and even then Father and Mother Updegraff did not have near sufficient bed room for their boarders. Is there anyone who remembers the organization of a company to hang May Bowless, chairman of the board of county commissioners? Do you remember the old well that many of us sat by and drank from that used to be in the street in front of where the postoffice now is?

The judge who presided at the first term of court here was Judge Brown.

Seed Wheat

Fine Harkoff seed wheat for sale. Perfectly pure. \$1.25 per bushel. Mary Best, Medicine Lodge, Ks.

Odds and Ends

The people of China are being ruled by an emperor three years old. Some of the laws enacted by recent sessions of the Kansas legislature have all the appearance of having been conceived by small boys even younger than three years. Don't be too harsh with the 3 year-old boys.

In the United States women possess suffrage upon equal terms with men at all elections in four states: In Wyoming, since 1869; in Colorado, since 1893; in Utah since 1896, and in Idaho, since 1896. Women in Kansas who can't possibly wait for that auspicious day to dawn here can gratify their ambition by migrating to any of those states.

The republican senators who voted against the tariff hold-up were Bristow, Clapp, Cummins, Dooliver, LaFollette, Beveridge and Nelson. There is no question about their voting right, but it will be hard for party suckers to figure it out that the republican senators and representatives who voted for the robbery were just as right. And the political fakir continues to be happy.

New definition for the word, hospital: A hospital is a place designed to separate the sick from their money. Things generally look nice in a hospital but patients should not expect any attention there unless their friends go with them and attend them, although the hospital owners are paid to furnish nurses. Hospital doctors are not supposed to treat sick people. Their business is to cut and slash. If they can't do this they lose interest in the patient. Briefly summed up, therefore, a hospital is a place without human sympathy or kindness.

It is the custom in this glorious country of ours, when a girl of bad reputation comes to a town, for the entire population to lambast the poor, unfortunate girl and excuse the other individual who is equally deep in disgrace. A case in point occurred here last week when two demons, who have the shapes of men but have lost all of the impulses of humanity, came to town from somewhere accompanied by female characters who were doubtless very low, though not nearly as low as their male escorts. They were endured in the town from Sunday until Thursday when they were ordered to depart. Our idea of the proper punishment of such a quartet would be to put the ignorant girls in a rescue home and assign the male brutes to the coal mines of the state penitentiary for life. There is hope for the girls but the men have become such a low type of animal life that there is no chance for redemption.

Base Ball Today

The Boston Bloomer Girls will be here today and will play ball with the home team. It will be a great game—the best ever. You must attend.

Mrs. M. S. Kanner and son Lee Kanner of Fair, Oklahoma are the guests of R. V. Gant and family this week.

LOST.—A pocket book, between Beaver's mail box and town, containing a little over \$10. Finder please return to H. G. Pelton.

Mrs. F. H. Engle, of Wichita is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Sim Ewalt. Mr. Engle is the foreman of the Star Printing office of Wichita.

Mrs. J. D. McCoy returned Monday from a visit with her brother, Geo. Cook, and wife, at Harper. Mrs. Cook was formerly Miss Sarah Lacy of this city.

H. F. Wiltshire, brother of Geo. P. Wiltshire of this city, and F. R. Parrish, of Croft, Kansas, visited with Mr. Wiltshire in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wilson Holmes of Elwood township was brought to the city last Friday to be treated at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Gibson, by Dr. Gilbert. She is suffering with an exophthalmic goitre, a throat trouble, which is very much more serious than an ordinary goitre. It is Dr. Gilbert's intention to take or send her to a sanitarium at Rochester, Minnesota, soon, where there are noted specialists who handle this disease. We trust that Mrs. Holmes's case will yield to treatment.

Ed Harding Apprehended

Ed Harding of Valley, for whom a warrant has been out for several weeks, was arrested by the sheriff at Moultrie, Illinois on Friday and taken into custody. Sheriff Mathews went to Topeka Saturday to get requisition papers from Gov. Stubbs and from there went to Moultrie to get Mr. Harding. They are expected in this week.

Ed is charged with assault but it is probable that another charge will be preferred later. He heard of the warrant before Sheriff Mathews went to arrest him, and he went to Illinois but the sheriff located him.

Music, music, music, everything in late sheet music at the new music store.

Foundation for a new residence was laid Monday on North Main Street.

Mrs. E. H. Goslin, of Enid, Ok., a cousin of Mrs. Horney, arrived yesterday to attend the funeral.

Born, to Frank Wright and wife of Moore township, Sunday night, August 8th, a girl. Dr. Gilbert.

Dick Wilson and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in the city visiting friends. They returned to Kiowa Sunday evening by auto.

Mrs. C. G. Talaferro who has been on a month's visit at Higgins, Texas, returned home Monday. She reports a fine time.

Case Stout came over from Harper Sunday to visit his parents and other relatives and while here will try his piscatorial talents.

The Alva papers report the marriage, last week, of John A. Strothers of Kiowa, Kansas, and Rosella Springer of Alva, Ok. The groom is well known here.

H. H. Case went to Alva Sunday afternoon by auto. He conveyed Dick Wilson and wife to Kiowa and on return of auto they brought Case Stout up with them.

W. W. Painter and wife of Pratt and Cora E. Adams of Coats arrived yesterday to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. G. W. Horney.

Mrs. C. B. Currie, Ralph Currie and Thelma Sparks went to Geuda Springs Sunday to visit a few days with C. B. Kinkaid and wife who are spending the summer there.

Rev. Howard Cady of Anthony, Kansas conducted services last Sunday morning and evening at the Episcopal church in this city. Rev. Cady will be here again a week from next Sunday, to conduct services at the same church.

Wm. Martin and wife of this city are enjoying a visit from J. H. Street and wife and baby who arrived from Purdin, Mo., last Thursday. They expect to remain all of this week and part of next. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Street are sisters.

New Cement walks are being put down in front of R. H. Clay's and Dr. Coleman's residences on North Main street. A good cement walk will add very much to the appearance of that part of the city. Let the good work go on.

Jas. Dobbs and family of Wichita visited in the city Sunday. They came down in their big touring car Saturday and returned home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Dobbs's mother, who was visiting them in Wichita, came with them and is now at home.

J. D. Montgomery and a force of hands are at work this week putting on the steel ceiling in the remaining three rooms of the public school building. When this work is finished our building will be in splendid condition for the opening of school the first Monday in September.

Otto Smith, a Kiowa boot-legger, was captured and jailed by the authorities of that city Sunday. County Attorney Field of this city looked after the legal end of the matter. The city got quite a large quantity of liquor which was found in Smith's possession. He has been convicted under the city ordinance and is in the Kiowa calaboose. Later he may be prosecuted under the state law.

The old Tweedale and County surveys promise to be thrashed out in the district court of Harper county again. Geo. W. Martin and John George of Hazelton have appealed from the decision of the surveyor of Harper county to the district court in the matter of lines affecting their farms. Samuel Griffin of this city is representing them. The issues involved are similar to those involved between Dr. Wisner and Barber county several years ago and if we remember rightly Dr. Wisner won out. We hope Messrs. Martin and George will succeed in this case also.